GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:773
ANSWERED ON:12.07.2004
CUT IN FOODGRAIN QUOTA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foodgrain quota for some of the States has been curtailed during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received requests for not curtailing the foodgrain quota;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): The Above Poverty Line (APL) category was created in June, 1997 with the introduction of Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS). The allocation for APL was made on the basis of average annual offtake of foodgrains under PDS during the past ten years minus the Below Poverty Line (BPL) allocation in each State/UTs. A decision was taken by the Cabinet in March, 2002 to fix the quota of foodgrains for APL families @ 35 kg per family per month. Accordingly, APL quota was fixed @ 35 kg per family per month on the basis of estimated number of APL families as per population projections of the Registrar General of India as on 01.03.2000 or number of ration cards actually issued by individual State Governments/UTs, whichever is less with effect from 1st July, 2002. This resulted in increase in the APL quota of foodgrains for most of the States/UTs. However, for seven States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya. Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim, it got reduced as per details given in the Annexure.

(c)&(d): The request for restoration of APL quota were received only from the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland and Meghalaya.

(e): APL quota of foodgrains of Arunanchal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland has been restored with effect from 1st January, 2004 as per details indicated in the Annexure. The request of Meghalaya could not be conceded as the State had not issued the requisite number of APL ration cards.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) AND (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 773 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 12TH JULY IN THE LOK SABHA.

(Figures in `000 Tonnes)

States	Allocation prior to Cabinet decision			Revised allocation w.e.f. July, 2002			Present allocation w.e.f. 01.01.2004		
	Rice	Wheat	Total	Rice	Wheat	Total	Rice	Wheat	Total
ArunachalPradesh	5.86	0.53	6.39	4.50	0.51	5.01	4.36	2.03	6.39
Kerala	114.62	37.72	152.34	113.42	37.33	150.75	113.42	37.33	150.75
Manipur	2.86	1.71	4.57	2.48	1.48	3.96	2.48	1.48	3.96
Meghalaya	9.53	1.00	10.53	3.10	0.65	3.75	3.10	0.65	3.75
Mizoram	6.81	1.01	7.82	2.45	1.01	3.46	6.81	1.01	7.82
Nagaland	8.63	1.54	1.17	4.24	2.00	6.24	3.67	6.50	10.17
Sikkim	2.97	0.10	3.07	2.13	0.02	2.15	0.95	1.20	2.15